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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jagdish Parasrampur; Maxine B. Yonker;
Kenneth E. Schwartz; Marc J. Gurwith
Application No.: 09/526,802

Filed: 3/16/2000

For: **DHEA Composition And Method**

Examiner: Qazi, S.

Art Unit: 1616

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper supplements the Amendment filed on December 16, 2002 in response to the Final Office Action dated September 14, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and the accompanying Declaration of Dr. Patrick Stahly. The following document(s) is/are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Declaration of Dr. Patrick Stahly (including Exhibits A-J); and
- 2) Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Patrick Stahly.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-10 and 36-39 are pending in the application.

Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

The pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Morales *et al.* (USPN 5,407,927) and Loria *et al.* (US 5,077,284) in combination with Chang *et al.* (J. Pharm. Sci. 84:1169-70 (1995)). Office Action, page 3. As stated in the Amendment filed December 16, 2002:

All of the pending claims recite "dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), at least 85% of which is present as the form I polymorph."